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comments: One of the most basic and prized freedoms guaranteed by our constitutional rights is the uninhibited right of freedom of speech, the FCC currently prevents this. The FCC was originally established with the advent of the home electronic builder (aka Heath Kit) and the point was well taken - insure the broadcasting industry maintained a level of performance that would not be offensive to the "majority of it's viewing public" and which would cause no harmful interference with other legitimate broadcasters. At the time the best way to pursue this was to establish expensive fees and cost prohibitive rules to effectively price out the "free radio" broadcaster using low quality, high interference equipment. However, in the last 20 years the quality of low cost "home built" transmitting equipment empowers the average listener to exercise his, or her, CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT to freedom of speech without inhibiting anyone else's freedom, becoming a broadcaster.

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Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to participate in the process. I look forward to hearing your decision, and plan on investigating the possibility of starting a micro station here in Modesto. Good luck.

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